(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The Kelkar Committee could not reach any concensus on these drugs.

(b) and (c) Diclofenac Sodium has since been brought under price control w.e.f. 6.7.1990. As regard other drugs, the matter is under examination of the Government.

Cost study conducted by BICP

769. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of units whose cost study was conducted by BICP for determining the price of Metronidazole and when the study of each was made:

(b) when the recommendation was sent by BICP;

(c) what are the names of producers of Metronidazole and Metronidazole Benzoate and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Metronidazole is being sold at much lower price than the notified price for the last two years;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have received a number of complaints in this regard; and

(f) what is the justification and basis for allowing eight per cent incidental charges and since when these are being allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The BICP conducted cost study for determining the price of Metronidazole for the following units:—

1. M/s Unichem Labs Limited.
2. M/s Unique Chemicals (Ankleshwar and Belapur Units)
3. M/s Metroni Drugs (Pvt) Ltd.

(b) BICP sent their recommendation in January, 1991.

(c) The details are given in the attached Statement.

(d) This is not being monitored by the Ministry.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Incidental charges are allowed since long to compensate the expenses on sales tax, octroi, packing charges, transport charges etc.

Statement

(In tonnes)

S. No.	A. Production of Metronidazole Name of the Company	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1.	M/s. Rhone Populenc	14·45	25·39	14·26
2.	M/s. Unichem	123·28	121·98	0·08*
3.	M/s. Unique Chemicals	204·55	196·38*	160·39*
4.	M/s. Fairdeal Corporation	15·26	16·34*	0·40
5.	Raptakoes Brett	..	0·79	1·66
6.	M/s. Chemo Pharma	0·43	12·16*	14·98*
7.	M/s. Metroni Drugs	86·95	63·24	78·11

* Estimated.

B. Details of production of Metronidazole Banzoate are not available.